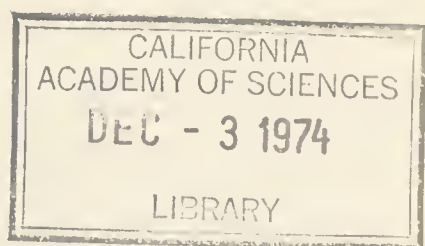


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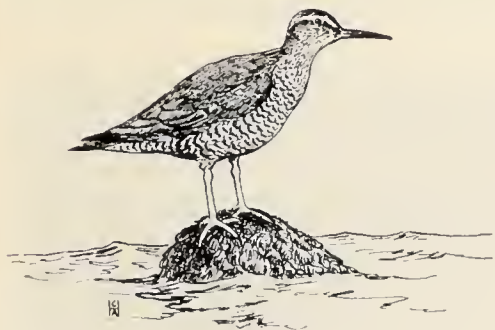
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FIELD TRIPS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY



Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8

SACRAMENTO WILDLIFE REFUGE AND GREY LODGE WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA. On Saturday meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Sacramento Refuge, 7 miles south of Willows on Interstate 5. On Sunday meet at 9:00 a.m. at Grey Lodge near Gridley. For details see Nov. *Gull*. Leader: Harry Adamson (283-2164).

Wednesday, December 11

HEERDT MARSH. Take U.S. 101 to Corte Madera; exit at Lueky Drive, turn east toward S.F. Bay, park in front of Golden Gate Trailer Court at 9:00 a.m. Be prepared to walk about 2 miles on dirt roads that could be muddy. Leader: Ruth Dement (527-7923).

Saturday, December 28

GOLDEN GATE PARK. An easy walk around the Chain of Lakes, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Meet at 43rd Ave. and Fulton St., just inside the park. Leader: Aliee Radcliffe (563-5794).

Sunday, January 5

RARE BIRD TRIP. Meet at the parking lot at the San Francisco end of the Golden Gate Bridge at 8:30 a.m. We will then drive to wherever the rare bird is. Bring lunch and scopes. Leader: Peter Allen (781-0148).

Saturday, January 18

BUS TRIP TO THORNTON to see swans and Sandhill Cranes. Make reservations with Pat Triggs, 2038 33rd Ave., San Francisco 94116. Send \$5.00 and telephone number. Additional details will be in January *Gull*.

No-leader trips— December 5, meet at the Little Farm in Tilden Park at 9:00 a.m. December 18, meet at Chain of Lakes in Golden Gate Park, 43rd and Fulton at 9:00 a.m. Choose your own leader. Lunch optional.

Dates to hold—**January 25:** Dillon Beach. **February 1 & 2:** Los Banos. Make overnight reservations now at La Casa Motel, 528 Pacheco Blvd., Los Banos (209-826-0682) or Canal Farm Inn on Pacheco Blvd. (209-826-5121). Further details in January *Gull*. **February 15 & 16:** Weekend bus trip to Morro Bay. Details in January *Gull*.

—PAT TRIGGS, *Field Trip Chairman*

This Curlew Sandpiper was discovered on Bolinas Lagoon on September 7 and was last seen on September 14. Birders came from all over the state to see it. It was found very close to where a Bar-tailed Godwit had shown up in October 1973. If Point Reyes Bird Observatory had not been doing shorebird studies in this area, it is likely that neither of these birds would have been discovered.



Photo by Grace Miller

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Fantastic fall migration continues!

Blue-winged Teal, Clear Lake State Park, Oct. 19, D.D.; Palo Alto Yacht Harbor, Oct. 28, D. & P.W.

Fulvous Tree Duck, Crespi Pond, Pacific Grove, Oct. 21, B.Y.

Harlequin Duck, Dillon Beach, Oct. 27, F.M., B.W.

Oldsquaw, Fish Docks, Point Reyes, Oct. 24, R. DeC., P.M., B.S.

- Broad-winged Hawk*, Pt. Diablo, Marin Co., Oct. 5, N.S.
- Baird's Sandpiper*, Clear Lake State Park, Oct. 19, D.D.
- Parasitic Jaeger*, Richardson Bay, Oct. 6; Alameda, Oct. 15, B.F., V.H., W.M.P. et al.
- Vaux's Swift*, 550 in less than 70 minutes, Twin Peaks, San Francisco, Sep. 29, B.McC.
- Pileated Woodpecker*, Inverness Ridge, Oct. 13, N.S.
- Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher*, Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co., Oct. 12, H.B.
- Tropical Kingbird*, Pt. Pinos, Oct. 27, D.DeS.
- Great Crested Flycatcher*, Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory, Oct. 17, D.DeS.
- Eastern Phoebe*, Pt. Pinos, Oct. 27, D.DeS.
- Least Flycatcher*, Pt. Reyes, Oct. 9, R.S. et al.
- Catbird*, Mammoth Lake Ranger Sta., Mono Co., Oct. 7, D.G.
- Brown Thrasher*, Fairfax, Oct. 17, K. & M.W. et al.; fourth year this bird has returned to this garden.
- Veery*, Pt. Mugu, Ventura Co., Oct. 12, H.B.; first confirmed California record.
- Red-throated Pipit*, Tia Juana River valley, San Diego Co., Oct. 19, G.McC.
- Sprague's Pipit*, Tia Juana River valley, Oct. 19, G.McC.; first California record.
- Red-eyed Vireo*, Fish Docks, Pt. Reyes, Oct. 3, A.M. et al.; mouth of Carmel River, Monterey Co., Oct. 13, G.B.
- Black-and-white Warbler*, Fish Docks, Oct. 7, V.H., A.M., W.M.P., P.S.; Drakes Beach, Oct. 20, L.J.; Moss Beach, Oct. 28, P.M., B.S.
- Tennessee Warbler*, Battery Wallace, Ft. Barry, Marin Co., Sep. 28, J.McC.; Fish Docks, Oct. 9, R.S. et al.; Princeton, San Mateo Co., Oct. 16, P.M., B.S.; El Carmelo Cemetery, Pacific Grove, Oct. 20, J.M.; Esplanade Park, Pacific Grove, Oct. 27, D.DeS.
- Nashville Warbler*, Pt. Reyes, Oct. 24, R.DeC., P.M., B.S.; Oct. 26, P.A., M.L.R.
- Virginia's Warbler*, Fish Docks, Oct. 14, T.M., B.Y.; El Carmelo Cemetery, Oct. 20, K. & S.B., R.C., J.M., P.M.; abandoned ranch, Pt. Reyes, Oct. 24, R.DeC.; Fish Docks, Oct. 26, B.H., B.S., D.S.
- Magnolia Warbler*, Battery Wallace, Sep. 13, B.McC., W.P.; Sep. 14, D.D., B.M.; Mendoza Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Oct. 6, N.S.; Oct. 9 & 18, R.S.; Oct. 14, B.Y.; Oct. 17, P.S.; Fish Docks, Oct. 14, E.M.; Oct. 18, D.D., W.P.; Oct. 20, M.W.; Moss Beach, Oct. 28, P.M., B.S.
- Black-throated Blue Warbler*, Fish Docks, Oct. 6, N.S.; Oct. 7, V.H., A.M., W.M.P., P.S.; Oct. 13, F.N.; Oct. 14, B.Y.; Oct. 18, D.D., W.P.;

Mendoza Ranch, Oct. 9, R.S.; Drakes Beach, Oct. 25, D.D., W.P.; abandoned ranch, Oct. 27, L.B., W.M.P.; Fremont, Oct. 27, B.H.; El Carmelo Cemetery, Oct. 27, D.DeS.

Blackburnian Warbler, Mendoza Ranch, Oct. 1, E.M., B.Y.; Oct. 14, B.Y.; 3 at Crespi Pond, Oct. 20, G.B., K. & S.B., R.C., P.M., B.R.

Bay-breasted Warbler, Sharp Park Golf Course pond, Oct. 16, P.M., B.S.

Blackpoll Warbler, Battery Wallace, Sep. 14, B.McC., D.D.; Fish Docks, Oct. 4, E.M.; Mendoza Ranch, Oct. 8, R.DeC., J.M., G.Z.; Oct. 9, R.S.; El Carmelo Cemetery, Oct. 24, K. & S.B., R.C., P.M., J.M.; Esplanade Park, Oct. 27, D.DeS.; Moss Beach, Oct. 28, P.M., B.S.

Prairie Warbler, Sharp Park Golf Course, Oct. 16, P.M., B.S.

Palm Warbler, Fish Docks, Oct. 3, V.H., A.M., W.M.P.; Oct. 7, A.M., W.M.P.; Oct. 13, V.H., F. & L.N., N.S.; Oct. 14, B.Y.; Oct. 18, D.D., W.P.; Oct. 20, L.J.; Rodeo Lagoon, Oct. 5, N.S.; abandoned ranch, Oct. 8, R.DeC., J.M., G.Z.; Oct. 24, R.DeC., P.M., B.S.; Oct. 27, L.B., W.M.P.; Drakes Beach, Oct. 14, B.Y.; Oct. 20, M.W.; radio station, Pt. Reyes, Oct. 9, R.S.; Battery Wallace, Oct. 19, M.L.R.; El Carmelo Cemetery, Oct. 20, K. & S.B., R.C., P.M.; Mendoza Ranch, Oct. 20, M.W.; Hall Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Oct. 20, R.DeC., P.M., B.S.; Esplanade Park, Oct. 27, D.DeS.

Northern Waterthrush, Año Nuevo, Oct. 2, E.M., B.Y.; Rodeo Lagoon, Oct. 21, M.L.R.; Oct. 22, W.M.P.; Oct. 27, D. & P.W.

Hooded Warbler, Moss Beach, Oct. 27-30, S.S. et al.

American Redstart, Oct. 16 & 21, M.P.; El Carmelo Cemetery, Oct. 27, D.DeS.

Northern Oriole, 2 at Mendoza Ranch, Oct. 27, L.B., W.M.P.

Red Crossbill, Arguello Blvd., San Francisco, Sep. 24, D.S.

LeConte's Sparrow, Crespi Pond, Oct. 19, G.B., E.M., B.R., B.Y. et al.

Vesper Sparrow, Battery Wallace, Sep. 18, W.M.P.

Tree Sparrow, Fish Docks, Oct. 9, R.S. et al.; Angwin, Oct. 19, G.C.

Clay-colored Sparrow, Fish Docks; Oct. 9-13, R.S. et al.

White-throated Sparrow, Mendoza Ranch and abandoned ranch, Oct. 8, R.DeC., J.M., G.Z.; Fish Docks, Oct. 13, V.H.; Fort Cronkhite, Oct. 20, W.M.P.; Battery Davis north of Fort Funston, Oct. 17, J.M.; Fairfax, Oct. 25, D.D., W.P., K. & M.W.

McCown's Longspur, 4-7 at Honey Lake, Oct. 17, R.S.

Chestnut-collared Longspur, 8 at Hall Ranch, Pt. Reyes, Oct. 8, J.M.; 10, Oct. 12, K. & S.B., J.M.; 50, Oct. 20, D.DeS.; 10, Oct. 24, P.M., B.S., R.DeC.; 40, Oct. 27, L.B., W.M.P.; 55 at Honey Lake, Oct. 17, R.S.

Lapland Longspur, 6 at Hall Ranch, Oct. 12, K. & S.B., J.M.; 40, Oct. 20, D.DeS.; 2, Oct. 24, R.DeC., P.M., B.S.; 2 at Honey Lake, Oct. 17, R.S.

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—BUD FRY, *Observations Chairwoman*
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Editor's note: Congratulations to GGAS member Bill Parsons for two Honorable Mentions in the Fourth Salon of Photographs in *American Birds*, volume 28, number 4.

A NICE PLACE TO VISIT . . .

My predecessor in this space, Bill Principe, used his last column to write book reviews. I'd like to use my first to do a place review.

On Wednesday, October 30, the new Environmental Education Center was officially dedicated in Tilden Regional Park in the Berkeley Hills. From the outside, it is an attractive complex of wooden buildings that will look appropriate to the site once the weather has done its job on the unpainted wood; for now it has a kind of naked, unfinished look something like a newly-hatched, featherless bird. The interior, though not completely finished, has a pleasant, welcoming feel to it, and is a fine place for any new visitor to Tilden to make a start. There are several attractive displays dealing with ecology, geology and natural history, a large rack of handouts from the East Bay Regional Park District, an environmentally-oriented bulletin board, and an enthusiastic staff. There is also an appalling display showing taxidermy techniques which should win some kind of award for bad taste—not just because depictions of eviscerated animals will make some people queasy, but because it seems to portray taxidermy as a fascinating hobby and does nothing to explain the rather limited usefulness that taxidermy *does* have. There are errors of spelling and punctuation on some of the signs and labels, which won't detract from anyone's enjoyment but are hard to excuse in an "educational" facility such as this. There are statements about birds and plants that tempt quibbling, such as the one that the Screech Owl (in our area) has a "quavering cry". I think whoever wrote that read it somewhere. Having picked all these nits, I now can, in good conscience, recommend to all nature lovers a visit to the Environmental Education Center. Though I preferred Tilden in its earlier, untidier incarnation, I must admit that this is a valuable addition to the park. For anyone new to the area, it is an excellent introduction to the whole system of East Bay Regional Parks.

—NICK STORY, *Bay Area Birds Editor*

(Editor's note: We are pleased Nick has agreed to be the Bay Area Birds Editor. He is also the editor of the handsome Point Reyes Bird Observatory Annual Report. When he is not editing or birding, he works on the UC campus as an illustrator for the Virus Lab.)

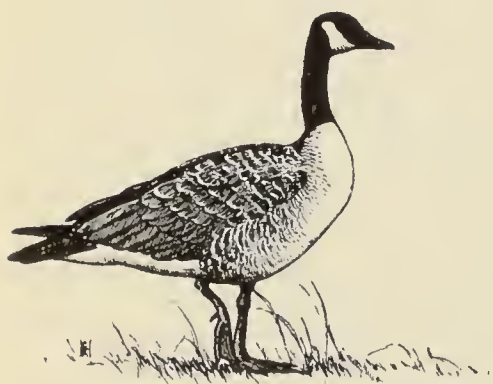
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us at 7:00 P.M. for apple cider or wine before the membership meeting and then enjoy the premiere of Warren Larson's new film. Mr. Larson's a popular nature photographer and former President and Board member of GGAS, will also show his film on the Osprey and Hummingbirds.

The meeting will be at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, December 12 at the First Unitarian Church, Geary and Franklin Streets, San Francisco.

—DOLORES WHITE, *Program Chairperson*

Covel's Conservation Corner



There is good news for wildlife, native flora and for those who love and defend these irreplaceable treasures. Legislation appropriating \$72,000,000 for the State Park System was signed recently by Governor Reagan. Of this total, \$44,645,000 was derived from the 1974 State Park Bond Act and \$27,850,000 from the Bagley Conservation Fund. This means the addition of 120,000 acres to the State Park System, including over 81,000 feet of ocean frontage.

The following acreages will be added to areas of special interest to GGAS and other Bay Region Audubon members: Año Nuevo State Reserve, 740 acres with 15,000 feet of ocean frontage; Pescadero State Beach, 340 acres including the balance of Pescadero Marsh; Suisun Marsh, 68,000 acres; Tomales Bay State Park, the 57 acre Shallow Beach and 602 acres on the eastern shore, San Luis Island (Merced County), 18,000 acres of grasslands and marsh for a future tule elk sanctuary. Mt. Diablo will receive \$2,000,000 to augment present park lands and \$200,000 are earmarked for the East Bay Regional Park District and EBMUD for trails on Contra Costa County lands.

Another \$41,000,000 were appropriated for 298 city and county parks and recreation projects. In our GGAS area Oakland will receive over \$1,000,000, Alameda \$289,919, Piedmont \$35,000, Pinole \$97,000, El Cerrito \$78,000, and Richmond \$74,000. Hill area park development will get the major share in most of these cities. Berkeley expects to receive over \$400,000 in the 1975-76 fiscal year for park and recreation sites, mainly in the "flatlands." San Francisco anticipates \$2,400,000 for park acreage and development. This is your bond money, reader; why not watch those projects nearest you? Probably City Hall will welcome citizen input.

The frequent bulletins of the North Central Coast Regional Commission are full of vital information about coastal developments in San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties and plans to regulate them. Each issue contains a return questionnaire to encourage reader participation in decisions. If you wish to receive these bulletins contact the above named commission at 1050 Northgate Drive, Suite 130, San Rafael, CA 94903.

A near-disaster to San Leandro Bay and its shore and water bird population occurred October 31. Vandals broke into a trucking yard and turned switches to pump 5000 gallons of diesel fuel into San Leandro Creek. Only a timely discovery kept this mess contained within the creek until it could be salvaged. And your Chairman and staff at Lake Merritt were just congratulating themselves on the lack of botulism at the lake this fall! (though it did take a toll of waterfowl in the South Bay marshes).

Yes, we and our birds live dangerously and, though I hate to say it, even greater dangers lie ahead for the California coast. That is why the National Audubon Society has asked all concerned agencies, California Congressmen and Senators, and Secretary Rogers Morton to oppose the planned monobuoy (unloading facility) facility for Standard Oil at Morro Bay. A 300 mile pipeline from this site would carry the oil to Richmond. We certainly hope they keep it away from Morro Bay, but that still leaves a big question. Where on our precious coastline can they safely unload these behemoth tankers?

Congratulations to the East Bay Regional Park District on its 40th birthday and the dedication of the new \$500,000 Environmental Center in the Tilden Nature Area. The center will serve as home base for an interpretive program offered in several regional parks as well as a public educational facility. Hours are 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily, closed Monday.

—PAUL COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*

From Your President's Stockpile



IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS COUNT INFORMATION: A call to Mr. Robert Arbib, Jr., editor of *American Birds*, brought some straightforward answers to questions raised at our Board meeting concerning the fee schedule set by NAS for all participants in the Christmas bird count (except those manning feeders). To avoid misunderstanding we wish to spell this out prior to our count on Sunday, December 15.

1. For participants who do not subscribe to *American Birds*; Individuals pay \$2 for the first count and \$1 for each additional count. Family groups pay \$2 for the first participant, \$1 for each additional family member participating on the first count, and \$1 per head on each additional count. A copy of the Christmas count edition of *American Birds* is mailed to the single participants and to a participating family.
2. For subscribers to *American Birds* the fee is \$1 per count.
3. No fee is collected from feeder watchers.
4. If you are part of a group the fee should be paid directly to the group leader. All fees are sent directly to *American Birds* to help defray the cost of editing and publishing the Christmas count edition.
5. Counts have been thrown out where there was an evident discrepancy between the number of paid participants and census size.
6. Our chief compiler will adhere strictly to the above guide lines rejecting reports from non-paying participants. Since hardship cases do arise, some of you may wish to contribute a bit additional to help cover this overhead cost and to assure that the data collected can all be included in our census.
7. Reports of rare birds which are not supported by adequate written details of the observation will also be rejected.
8. We urge all participants to observe these ground rules.

As noted in the November Gull GGAS has budgeted for soup and french bread to be served up to the hungry, tired birders who come to the totaling-up session at Spenger's Fish Grotto, 1919 4th Street, Berkeley from 5-8 P.M. (You may wish to make a reservation for dinner following

the tabulation). We look forward to a thorough census of our area and to an enthusiastic windup at Spenger's. The copy of *American Birds*, which you will receive as a registered participant will provide you with many hours of browsing pleasure long after the count is over.

If you are not yet aligned with a group and wish to participate these are the numbers to remember: Stephen Bailey, chief compiler, 2330 Blake Street, Apt. 7, Berkeley 94704 (548-9507); John Luther (339-0986); Don Roberson (841-1763); and for feeder watchers Inez Troxell (526-9003).

BOARD ACTIONS: The following motions, carried unanimously at our Board meetings in October and November, will be of general interest to the membership and of particular interest to conservationists.

1. Audubon Canyon Ranch: Unassigned monies totaling \$150 had accumulated in our Gifts and Donations sub-account. By Board action this money was turned over to ACR.

2. Peripheral Canal: Motion #1. That the Board of Directors of GGAS requests that the Boards of Directors of other California chapters of NAS investigate and decide the merits of the Peripheral Canal Project and take some formal stand which will be transmitted to the National Audubon Society and to the Western Regional Representative of NAS. GGAS would be available for discussions of any findings as to viable alternatives to the Canal. The formal position of individual chapters (including the position taken by GGAS) shall be conveyed to the Governor of the State of California; the Department of Natural Resources; State Legislators from the Delta region; U.S. Senators; Congressmen from the Delta region and to the Bureau of Reclamation, State of California, Sacramento Division. Note: A position paper prepared by the chairman of our Committee on the Environment, Tom Williams, was mailed to the chapters with the above motions. Our Corresponding Secretary, Lenore Johnsen, has already sent out the necessary correspondence relating to the Peripheral Canal and to the Noble Ranch property mentioned below.

3. Tubbs Island-Noble Ranch: Much of Tubbs Island is to be put up for sale at the asking price of \$1,250,000 for the Noble Ranch (2,365 acres @\$400/acre). Motion: That a letter be sent to Senators Tunney and Cranston from the Board in the name of the Society urging that federal funds be released immediately for the acquisition of the Noble Ranch.

4. Yosemite-MCA: Paul Covel urged that the Board get off a very strong letter to the National Parks Service in regard to the plans for Yosemite proposed by the Music Corporation of America (successor to the Yosemite Park and Curry Company). Motion: That the Board of Directors of GGAS, representing nearly 4500 members, is unalterably opposed to the proposals of the Music Corporation of America for the development of a convention center and other plans for Yosemite Park. We wish this statement to be included in the hearing scheduled in San Francisco and copies sent to President Ford; Senators Cranston and Tunney; Ron Walker, Director of the National Parks Service, Washington, D.C.; Les Aramberger, Superintendent of the Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 577, Y.N.P., CA 95389; John H. Davis, acting Regional Director of National Parks, Western Region, and to Friends of the Earth. The Yosemite-MCA correspondence will be held until announcement of the dates of the public hearings to be held in San Francisco in the spring.

THE PLIGHT OF THE SEA OTTER: This statement is in response to questions regarding the stand which the GGAS Conservation *Hotline* has taken on the California Fish and Game proposal to restrict the range

of the California Sea Otter to a 150 mile stretch of the coast. The most important consideration against this plan is that, if the otters are so confined, one oil spill could wipe out the entire otter population. The Friends of Otters, the Marine Mammals Commission, and even Fish and Game all confirm this.

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the current *Hotline* which discusses the plight of the otters, can call Vera at the Audubon office.

AUDIO-VISUAL ADDITION: A beautiful 5½ foot standing screen for use in our teaching program was contributed by long-time Audubon friends Dr. and Mrs. Harold C. Bradley of Berkeley. Dr. Bradley, an ardent conservationist, celebrated his 96th birthday this November. The screen was promptly put into service by Paul Kelly in teaching his ornithology course.

APOLOGIES to Carlos Jordan who with Ruth Voss has been leading field trips for beginning birders. A mental lapse while turning out the note entitled "Mini Trips Anyone?" for the November *Gull* caused me to assign him quite a different surname. In response to that same note our very experienced field trip leader, Vi Homem (339-1886), has offered to advise any budding bird group or prospective leader of such a group on where to go and what birds you might expect to find there. She will give special thought to half-day trips which do not involve difficult terrain.

HELP NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE FILMS: Frances Ellen Fallgatter, our long-time Wildlife Film chairman, needs the help of an assistant chairman as well as other volunteers who will be available for on-the-spot chores that are involved in the actual showing of our wildlife films. Films, shown on Tuesday evenings, are scheduled for January 14, February 11, and for March 11. Hosts willing to extend overnight hospitality to the speakers are also sought for those dates. The Wildlife Series is given in conjunction with the Natural Science Guild of the Oakland Museum which has had a loyal coterie of workers who have borne the major share of the load. If you attend the films, would you volunteer to lend a hand? If you are not a subscriber, do try to attend one or more of the remaining films, attendance is down and the series is in jeopardy. To lend a hand please call me (525-8473).

ADULT NATURAL SCIENCE COURSES: Jim Clayton, GGAS Education Chairman, has tabulated the returns on a questionnaire which he prepared and submitted to the students in the two ornithology sections being run by Paul Kelly under the auspices of the Albany Adult School. The questionnaire was designed to pinpoint the areas of student interest so that GGAS could propose courses in natural history to be given in the winter and spring quarters. Mr. Lawrence Hughes, principal of Albany

Adult School, is responding with course offerings in the areas where the greatest interest was registered. For the winter quarter, beginning January 6, a course will probably be offered on the Geology of the Bay Area. Assured is a course on the Collection, Identification and Life of Mushrooms, Toadstools and other Fungi of the Bay Area taught by Perry Mulleavy, a graduate student in the UC Department of Botany. Perry knows where the plants are to be found; students will gather these and bring them to class as a basis for lab studies. Perry also has a good collection of slides and specimens available for demonstration.

On Tuesday evenings from 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Paul Kelly will offer a course in Vertebrate Natural History of the San Francisco Bay Area. Some Saturday field trips will be scheduled. Paul expects to introduce the students on these field trips to such techniques as seining for fish, live trapping of mammals and mist netting for birds. The students will also collect live reptiles and amphibians for "in the hand" learning and appreciation. The animals will then be released at the site of capture.

Check your January *Gull* for exact information as to the schedule of these classes. Information may be obtained earlier by calling the Albany Adult school (526-6441). Upon request they will send you a copy of the *Albany Evening Star* which will contain a complete listing of courses for the winter quarter. Payment of the \$6 registration fee entitles you to take as many courses as you choose, although some require a small additional fee. Planning is already under way for courses in ornithology and wildflowers for the spring quarter.

Have a happy holiday!

—GERTRUDE MACHLIS, *President*

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

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Loris Philbrick "Phil" Smith of Oakland, a long time member of GGAS, passed away suddenly late in October. Phil had served as census compiler in past years and had lead many field trips. Our condolences are extended to his widow, Ruth, and to his family. Memorial gifts in Phil's memory may be sent to Golden Gate Audubon Society.

The Society welcomes gifts in general or gifts in honor or in memory of relatives and friends. Such gifts will be used as specified by the donor, or if unspecified, at the discretion of the Board. This includes their use for general GGAS activities or for special programs of the Society including Audubon Canyon Ranch of which GGAS is a co-sponsor. Please send your gift in the form of a check made out to the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. to Mrs. Robert C. Johnsen, Corresponding Secretary, 4 Del Valle, Orinda, CA 94563. The Society is also appreciative of any bequests. Such bequests should specify as recipient the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. All gifts, donations, and bequests will be acknowledged in the *GULL* as well as personally on behalf of the Society by the Corresponding Secretary.



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